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1. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER THE NUMBER OF EXTREMISTS STILL AT LARGE IN CHILE. AT THE TIME OF THE COUP, THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS (DI, CHILEAN CIVIL POLICE) ESTIMATED THE NUMBER OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS AS FOLLOWS: 10,000 MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR); 80,000 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT

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(MAPU) AND 4,000 MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN LEFT (IC).
COMMENT: SINCE THE MAPU OBTAINED ONLY 100,000 VOTES IN THE MARCH 1973 ELECTION THE DI'S ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE 80,000 MAPU EXTREMISTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN EXAGGERATION.)

THE DI ESTIMATED THAT AS OF THE WEEK OF 15 OCTOBER, ONLY ABOUT 10,000 ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE. THE DI FURTHER ESTIMATED THAT MANY OF THE 10,000 ARRESTED WERE PART OF THE MORE THAN 13,000 FOREIGNERS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE COUNTRY WHEN THE COUP OCCURED.

2. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF EXTREMISTS POSING AS MILITARY OR AS CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE.) BETWEEN MID-SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER, 40 BOGUS MILITARY WERE ARRESTED IN SANTIAGO, WHERE THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD OPERATED IN SMALL GROUPS IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS SEARCHING AND LOOTING PRIVATE HOMES AND IN GENERAL TERRORIZING THE OCCUPANTS IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE LEGITIMATE MILITARY, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SEARCHES. AFTER THEIR ARREST, ALL FORTY ADMITTED TO BEING MEMBERS OF EXTREMIST GROUPS, AND ALL WERE EXECUTED.

COMMENT: NEITHER THEIR ARRESTS NOR THEIR EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLICIZED FOR FEAR THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD CAUSE

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3. PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE BEEN URGED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES TO THE POLICE, TO ASSIST THEM IN CAPTURING TERRORISTS AND EXTREMISTS, AND INVESTIGATION IS THEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION (POLITICAL POLICE) OF THE DI OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED. THE POLITICAL POLICE ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF EXTREMISTS IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, BASED ON REPORTS MADE BY PLANT OWNERS AND MANAGERS. IN ADDITION, DI PERSONNEL ARE BEING URGED TO ORGANIZE SMALL INFORMANT GROUPS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

4. TO HALT THE FLOW OF EXTREMISTS SEEKING ASYLUM IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES, POLITICAL POLICE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE ON SEVERAL EMBASSIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF CHINA, COLOMBIA, ITALY, FRANCE, MEXICO, ECUADOR AND THE NETHERLANDS. INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THESE EMBASSIES MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. THEIR NAMES ARE THEN CHECKED AGAINST A WANTED LIST.

5. IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE ITS COUNTER TERRORIST CAPABILITY, THE CHILEAN MILITARY IS ATTACHING SMALL ARMY UNITS TO DI SUB-STATIONS IN AREAS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS NO REGULAR

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MILITARY PRESENCE. IN ADDITION, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (SIM) IS ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT RETIRED DI DETECTIVES
TO UPGRADE SIM INVESTIGATIVE CAPABILITIES.

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